

City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ)
Sister Cities Committee
Minutes of Retreat
February 12, 2013

Attendees: Sue Baxter (Vice Chair) Glenn Gray Maria Uchytel (by phone)
 Chloie Watson Joan Mize

I. Approval of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved without objection.

III. Introduction of New Members

Chloie works for Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Joan works for the Juneau office of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC).

IV. Update on Presentation for Human Resources Committee

Sue explained that the Committee reports to the Mayor and it makes an annual presentation to the CBJ Assembly. This year's presentation was made on January 28. At the meeting, Assembly Member Carlton Smith said he has a friend (Daniel Lang) in the Yukon legislative body. Assembly member Jerry Nankervis said there is an upcoming hockey tournament among Juneau, Anchorage and Whitehorse. He said Chris Myrtle is the contact for the tournament.

Sue and Maria met with Mayor Sanford on Friday discussed a number of subjects:

- Carlton Smith's connection with Don Lang.
- Finances:
 - The Committee cannot fundraise.
 - There is \$1,060 in the CBJ budget for the Committee.
 - There is also a line item in the budget for the Whitehorse Sister City relationship.
- Vladivostok invited Juneau youths to a conference June 18-22.
- Hockey tournament March 1-2. Winner will be presented an award from Mayor Sanford at the Saturday March 2 banquet. A banner will be made to welcome Whitehorse.

V. Update on Whitehorse

Sue and Maria spoke with Chris Mertl about the hockey tournament. Chris said that the tournament could use help with sponsoring the crab at the banquet and in developing a cup that would be passed between Juneau and Whitehorse.

Ask Laurie to email Sheila Dodd of Whitehorse inviting Whitehorse citizens to the hockey tournament.

The Committee agreed to spend up to \$350 on a banner “Juneau welcomes our Sister City” using money from the Committee’s account. It also agreed to request that the CBJ pay for the crab for the banquet (out of the Assembly’s budget).

VI. Update on Vladivostok

2012 is the 25th anniversary of the Friendship Flight between Alaska and the U.S.S.R. There is a possible charter flight to Vladivostok. This event could be combined with youth conference.

Vladivostok invited 5 students to attend a youth conference June 18-22. There are a number of topics, including fisheries that the students can participate in. Students would have to pay for the flight. Sue spoke with University of Alaska Southeast Provost Rick Caulfield about the possibility of involving students from the fisheries program in the exchange.

Regarding the visit of Vladivostok students to Juneau, the Russian teacher in Vladivostok decided they would go to Ireland rather than Juneau.

VII. Update on Kalibo

The Committee agreed to invite Jenny Desario to a meeting to talk about the visit of their delegation to Kalibo.

VIII. Election of Officers

The committee agreed to elect Sue Baxter as Chair, Maria Uchytel as Vice Chair, and Glenn Gray as Secretary.

IX. Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th 4:30p.m. (Glenn will not be in town for this meeting.)

X. Adjournment

5:09pm

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